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Building Leaders ...

PLC prepares future leaders

By Jason Barr
Staff Reporter

Administration officials are excited about the student leadership group, President's Leadership Class.

PLC is a four-year leadership program designed to help students develop leadership skills, meet top business and political leaders and serve Southwestern as student ambassadors.

More than 300 applicants applied for a spot in the first class of PLC. Sixteen were chosen.

"We hope the students stay in the community and become our future leaders," PLC director Randy Beutler said.

Beutler said PLC is something President John Hays planned to start for years, but the finances were not available until recently. Now with enough money, much of which came from corporate sponsors, Beutler is hoping to make Southwestern's PLC the envy of Oklahoma.

Students selected to PLC will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 for each of their first two years in the program. PLC members also meet monthly with President Hays, and attend weekly class meetings that count for one credit hour per semester.

They work closely with the Admissions Office, traveling to state high schools to recruit potential students. They also serve as hosts to campus visitors.

As part of their experience,



Todd Boyd, director of Admissions & Recruitment, leads members of the President's Leadership Class on a leadership skill test at Crowder Lake. PLC class members help Boyd with recruitment.

ence, speakers such as Congressman Frank Lucas, Congressman Tom Cole and possibly Governor Brad Henry will speak to the class and share their ideas and lessons they've learned about being a leader.

PLC is only open to incoming freshmen. Students interested in the program can find information by visiting www.swosu.edu and clicking on the administrations link.

Companies interested in becoming corporate sponsors can visit the web site for information.

PLC members are: Whitney Finch, Cordell; Baxter



Randy Beutler

Stewart, Fairview; Carissa Fischer, Weatherford; Cory Maupin, Elk City; Jacob Pool, Clinton; Kayla Hart, Lawton; Kelli Krows, Seiling; Keri Ledbetter, Oklahoma City;

'We hope the students stay in the community and become our future leaders.'

Randy Beutler, PLC director

Kristen Kaufman, Eules, TX; Lauren Wimberly, Mustang; Lyndsey McPherson, Washington; Reggy Yount, Hobart; Patricia Daniels, Cheyenne; Rolando Perez, Clinton; Sarah Sullins, Granite; Jasmine Turner, Oklahoma City.



Miss Southwestern 2006 Ashley Bledsoe sits with marketing professor Eithel Simpson during Dawg Days. The deadline is nearing for entrants into the 2007 Miss Southwestern pageant. (Photo by Kyle Wright)

Director encourages pageant participation

By Ashley Kehl
Staff Reporter

There is more to the Miss Southwestern pageant experience than the glitz and glamour.

Midge Gerber, Pageant Director, has three reasons for students to participate in the Miss Southwestern pageant.

"For the scholarship money, number one," Gerber said.

Top winners receive the most money, but in recent competitions, there have been enough funds for each participant to come away with some money. Last year, each non-finalist received a \$100 scholarship.

Another reason to compete is to have the experience to build upon and to practice being in front of people, Gerber added.

Her third reason to participate is the opportunity to make many new friends that will be around after the pageant is over.

Jennifer Owens competed in last year's pageant and plans to do so this year.

She echoes Gerber's

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Wellness Center creates rise in exercise

Maghin Merrill
Staff Reporter

This year marks the highest involvement of students in intramural sports.

An increase in participation has been noticed, said Nelson Perkins, Wellness Center director.

This fall's sports are co-ed flag football, men's flag football and co-ed softball. There are 10 additional softball teams this year compared to last year.

Last spring was the first semester for the Wellness Center to host intramural basketball. Last spring's numbers increased by 10 teams as well.

"The center is doing what we hoped it would. It is a hub for social life centered around fitness and sports," said Cindy Dougherty, Dean of Students.

"Workout people per day are up 1000 percent," Perkins said.

The Wellness Center offers a variety of free activities such as four basketball courts, exercise equipment, kickboxing classes and a track for walking or running.

Students can contact the Wellness Center for more information on intramurals or the facilities offered by calling Nelson Perkins at 774-3187 or Scott Miller at 774-3214.

Weatherford Animal Shelter

Diamonds in the Ruff

By Kelli Herbel
Staff Reporter

Students who do not want a roommate but hate coming home to an empty house can give some lucky dog a new lease on life.

The Weatherford police department has dogs available for adoption. The dogs have been found roaming the streets or given up by their owners.

"Some are transferred ownership, but most are strays," said animal control officer Nick Rizzi.

Pets that are available for adoption can be seen on basic cable channels 6 and 20 and in the Weatherford Daily News.

The pound usually has 10 to 14 dogs waiting for a new home.

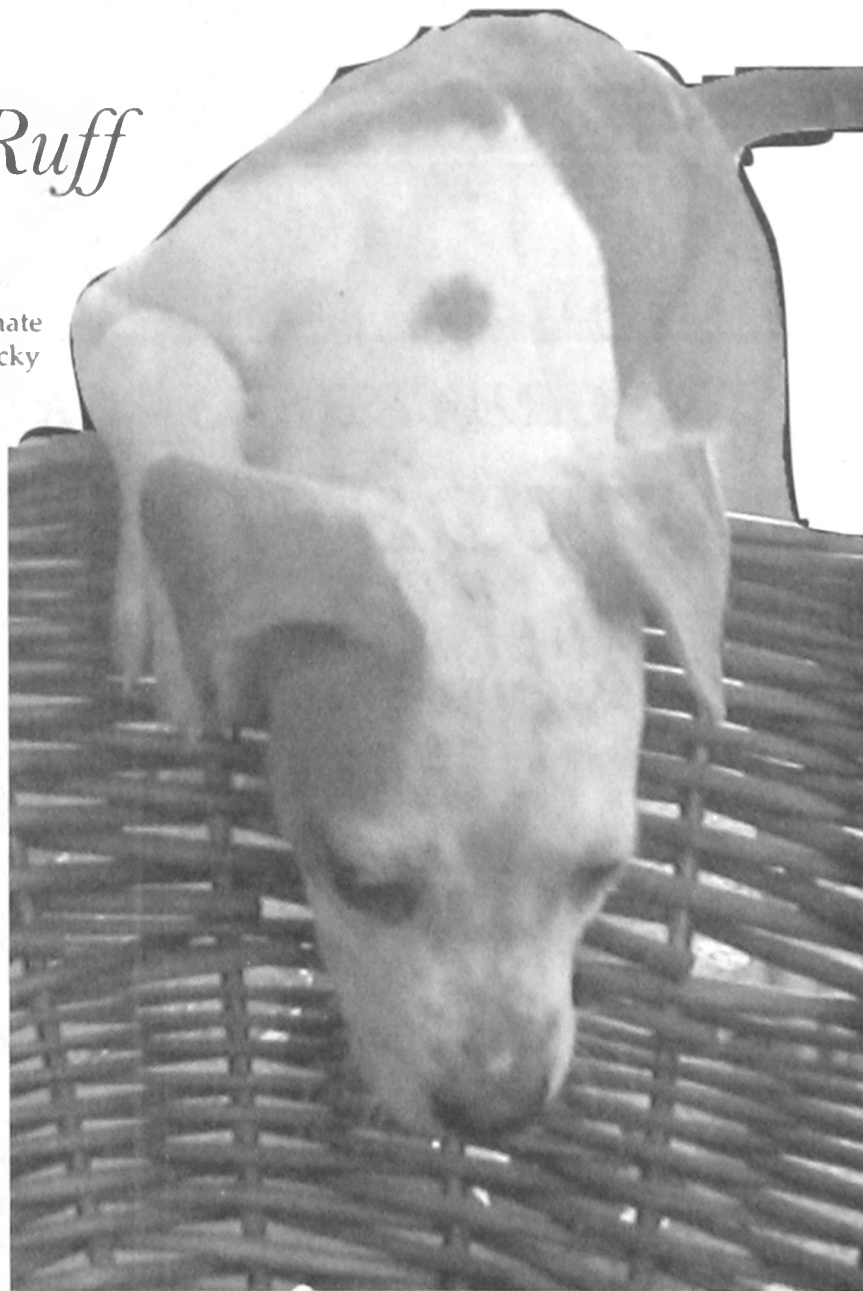
"We've been really busy here lately," Rizzi said.

The police department rarely has cats available for adoption. Unlike dogs, cats are allowed to run free in Weatherford. Animal control officers are not responsible for catching them.

There is a \$20 adoption fee to offset the cost of taking care of the animal as well as a \$40 sterilization deposit for residents of Weatherford. The sterilization deposit is returned once proof the animal has been spayed or neutered is determined.

There is no age requirement to adopt a dog, but the new owner must sign an adoption waiver accepting all responsibility for the animal.

Anyone interested in adopting a dog from the Weatherford Police Department can call 772-7791.



Dogs are available for adoption at the Weatherford Police Department. (Photo by Kristy Wilson)

Opinion

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reasoning by saying, "I wanted to get involved with Miss Southwestern to have the chance to make a difference in some of the lives of today's young women and to be a role model to girls that need a positive influence in their life."

Owens' platform last year was "Character Building in Young Women," one she has a passion for.

The pageant allows talented young women to express who they are and experience situations that will benefit them throughout life.

A great deal of time and effort goes into the pageant by the contestants and those behind the curtain.

Gerber adds that Southwestern puts a quality show together.

Gerber said that she is "willing to work and put my time and effort in" so that students have a chance to be involved in this experience.

Miss Southwestern is open to all full-time female students on Weatherford and Sayre campuses with a grade point average of 2.5 or above.

The deadline to enter the pageant is Thursday, Sept. 28. There is also a mandatory meeting that Thursday at 5 in Stafford 201. The pageant will take place on Nov. 4.

More information is available by contacting Midge Gerber at 774-3043 or Debbie Brown at 774-3063.

Appreciating small things in life ...

By Lynsie Baskin



Lynsie Baskin

The world we live in today is one that thrives on haste and convenience. Our society has become obsessed with multitasking, overtime, and the continuing pursuit of the next best thing. This progressive passion, or passion for progress, has taken a toll on those that continue to pile more onto their already full plates.

College students understand a busy lifestyle as well as anyone else. At times, there seems to be no recess from a list of responsibilities that include schoolwork, financial obligations, a job, extracurricular activities, a social life, and in some cases, a family. Of course, there are unexpected things; the death of friend or relative, an illness, or the end of a significant relationship can disrupt the delicate balance of day to day life.

For me, this semester so far has been less than ideal. It has been a struggle to

keep up with what seems to be a growing list of obligations and personal matters that must be handled. I know my situation is not unique. Several studies have been completed with the results obvious: college students are often overwhelmed and stressed.

While it is important to meet our obligations—financial, academic or otherwise—it is also important that we meet our most basic obligation, the obligation to ourselves. We must see to it that we take care of our minds, our bodies and our general well-being.

We've all heard the phrase "taking time to smell the roses." While smelling roses is not necessarily practical, the meaning behind the phrase is important. We should make it a point to appreciate the small things in life, to find beauty in otherwise ignored things or situations. I

can testify that doing such has made a difference in my outlook on my situation and therefore has relieved stress caused by a busy life.

Whether it is the sound of rain hitting my dorm room window or a clear night sky full of stars, watching my favorite movie or petting a dog, I find that the simple pleasures in life are often the most important. I encourage anyone struggling to stay on top of the game of life to take a seventh inning stretch. Take some time to re-discover the joy of small things. It makes a huge difference.

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CAB focuses on events, sports attendance

By Kristy Wilson
Copy Editor

"It's a way to get involved in what's happening on campus and meet new people."

This is how Nora Gomez describes CAB. She joined because she was very active in different organizations in high school and wanted to be involved on campus as well.

CAB (the Collegiate Activities Board) is a student-run organization that plans and hosts many activities for students and promotes cultural awareness on campus. This year they are also trying to encourage attendance at athletic events.

Cindy Dougherty, the Dean of Students, sponsors CAB. She is trying to get benefits for CAB members, such as a waiver for out-of-state tuition.

Any student can be a member. There are no minimum hour requirements. Students must be willing to volunteer to help out with many CAB activities and put in many hours. CAB currently has 20 members and 20 prospective members.

CAB membership runs on a point system. Prospective members must earn points to be in CAB and then must continue to collect points to stay in CAB. Points are earned by attending meetings, helping to organize events and working at events. The students with the most points

at the end of the year get a renewed membership for the coming year.

CAB gets its funding from the school. CAB President Shameika Williams and Dean Dougherty decide how much money will go toward a particular activity. At the meetings, CAB members decide who will head the activity, when it will happen and where it will happen.

"Most students don't realize how much planning goes into our events," said Matt Reid, a third-year member. "We put in a lot of hours on some projects. Some of us put in 45 hours on Parker Hall last year."

CAB sponsors Bulldog Blitz (Southwestern's annual talent show), the Parker Hall haunted house, the Battle of the Genders, Panorama events and many other activities on campus. The Milam Madmen shirts were adopted by CAB to attract students to football games.

Sarah Mueggenborg, a third-year member, said that her favorite CAB activity is Parker Hall.

"I got to act and the Dean gave us free food. I loved it." Nora Gomez's favorite activity is Bulldog Blitz.

"I work behind the scenes. Last year I was on the judging panel to decide who could be in the talent show," Gomez said. "Later, I got to watch the show. It's what I look forward to this year."

Maggie Taylor submitted a new event for this year. It

is a SWOSU Records Day. Students will compete to set records on campus such as most consecutive free throws and biggest bubble gum. Reid and Mueggenborg both look forward to the event.

CAB members could not think of many negative aspects to being a member.

"Sometimes students don't show up to events, or we don't have a very high turnout," Reid said. "Also, members can't participate in the contests because we aren't eligible to win prizes."

Most CAB activities are free. Some Panorama events, such as the upcoming Tracy Morgan show, are provided at a low cost to students. CAB hosts one educational activity and one recreational activity each month.

CAB meets Monday nights at 6 in Stafford 108. For more information or to fill out an application to join, contact Shameika Williams in Stafford 214 (Dean of Students office) or at 774-3767.

'Most students don't realize how much planning goes into our events.'

--Matt Reid

Recruitment office hires Manney

Rebecca Manney is a new recruiter for the Southwestern Admissions & Recruitment Office on the Weatherford campus.

Todd Boyd, director of the office, said Manney fills a new position.

Manney is a 2005 graduate of Southwestern. She graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in speech communication. She is currently working on a Master of Education in parks and recreation management.

Manney previously worked as an administrative assistant in the Dean of Students office.

Manney, a Weatherford native and daughter of Warren and Carla Goldmann, has also served as marketing coordinator for Southwestern Memorial Hospital.

She enjoys being a volunteer and works with Special Olympics, blood drives, Miss Southwestern Pageant Board and Pine Acres Church.



Rebecca Manney

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Break a leg: Drawer Boy debuts tonight

Southwestern's first theatrical event of the 2006-07 season is "The Drawer Boy", which will be staged September 27-30 at 7:30 p.m. nightly in the Science Building Auditorium.

Steve Strickler and Paul Shaffer are directing the play, which was written by Michael Healey.

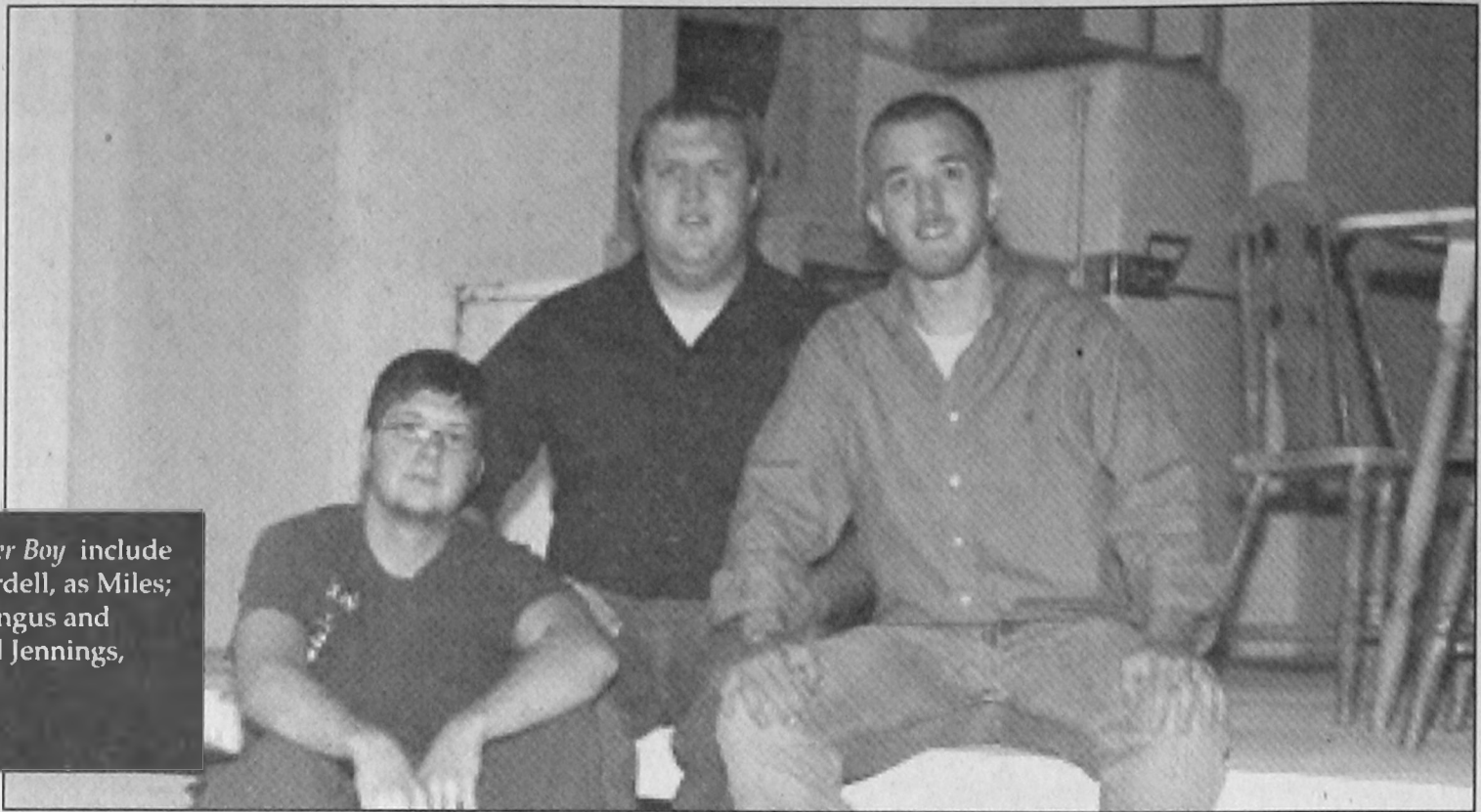
Strickler says he chose Drawer Boy as their first production because it has beautiful script with a wonderful story that many can relate to.

"It is really all about relationships and the clash of

city and country people," Strickler said.

The cast members include (from left): Mark Henry, Cordell, as Miles; Jess Moore, Burns Flat, as Angus and sound designer; and Samuel Jennings, Oklahoma City, as Morgan.

Cast members for *The Drawer Boy* include (from left): Mark Henry, Cordell, as Miles; Jess Moore, Burns Flat, as Angus and sound designer; and Samuel Jennings, Oklahoma City, as Morgan.



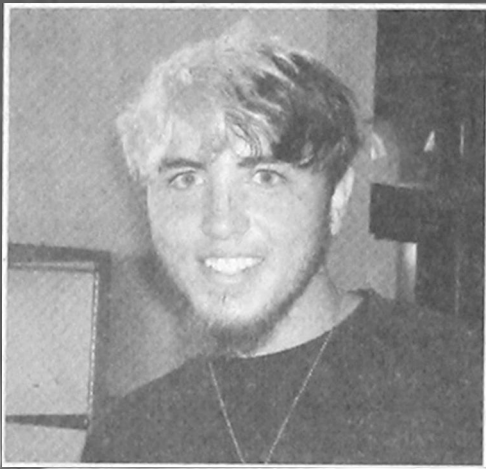
Spotlight on Students

Every week, The Southwestern will spotlight a few students for no better reason than they're really cool. And the reason they're really cool is because they're Bulldogs. So here are some facts about this week's students...

Zac Hayes

Classification: Freshman
Major: Math Education
Hometown: Clinton

- 1) What is your hometown best known for?
Stupid football
- 2) What's your favorite ice cream flavor?
Peanut butter cup
- 3) How many times did you have to take your driving test before you passed?
Got it on my first try
- 4) Favorite thing about SWOSU.
The Grill
- 5) 3 Things you can't live without.
Music, friends and family
- 6) Who is your idol?
Batman



- 7) Favorite item of clothing.
shorts
- 8) Describe yourself in 3 words.
Funny, crazy and outgoing
- 9) If you could have any super power, what would it be?
Telekinesis

Louie Goucher

Classification: Freshman
Major: Biological Sciences
Hometown: Clinton

- 1) What is your hometown best known for?
Football
- 2) What's your favorite ice cream flavor?
Bunny tracks
- 3) How many times did you have to take your driving test before you passed?
Three
- 4) Favorite thing about SWOSU.
The Grill
- 5) 3 Things you can't live without.
Ladies, ladies, ladies
- 6) Who is your idol?
Christ



- 7) Favorite item of clothing.
My shoes
- 8) Describe yourself in 3 words.
Funny, chill and personable
- 10) If you could have any super power, what would it be?
X-ray vision

BULLDOG BITES

Do you think SWOSU should bring back men's wrestling?



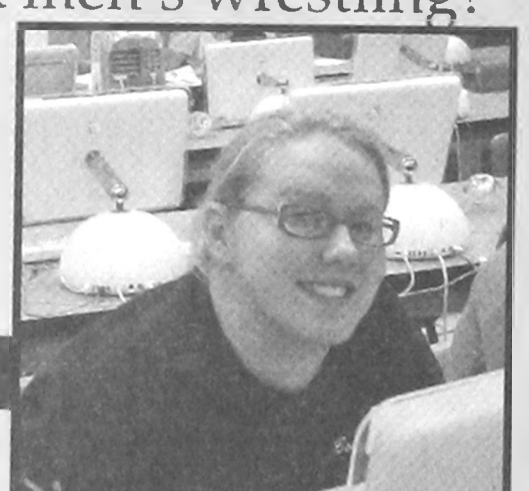
"Yes, it would bring more men's athletics, and more people would attend SWOSU."

Bryan Justice
Watonga
Junior, Communication Arts



"Yes, because guys in tights are hot!"

Stephany Speck
Goldsburg, NC
Junior, Communication Arts



"I support bringing back men's wrestling."

Katie Martin
Oklahoma City
Sophomore, Pre-Nursing



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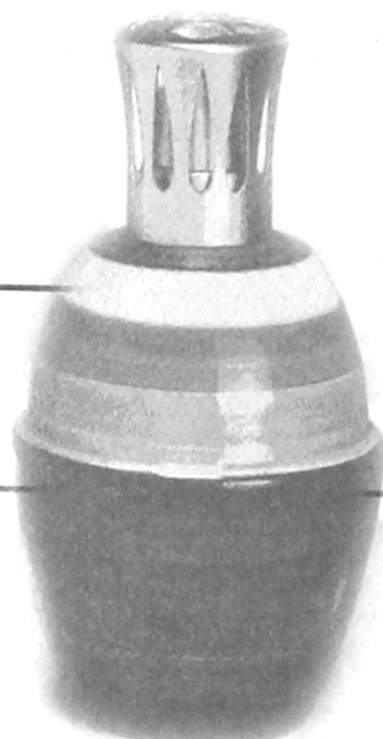
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Turnovers doom Bulldogs in road loss to Abilene

By Sports Information

ABILENE, TEXAS — Southwestern Oklahoma State was unable to overcome a few critical errors and could not shake free of Abilene Christian's tight defensive grip, losing 31-0 in a Lone Star Conference football match up Saturday.

The loss evened the Bulldogs' overall record at 2-2 overall while ACU remained unbeaten in three games.

Southwestern gift wrapped two third-quarter ACU offensive scores within a two minute period and watched as the Wildcats turned a tight ball game into a rout.

Leading 7-0, ACU blocked Southwestern's Spenser Daniel's punt and recovered it at the Bulldogs' own 10-yard line. Taber Minor scored two plays later on a three-yard run and the Wildcats led 14-0 with 3:49 remaining in the third period.

The Bulldogs turned the ball right back to the Wildcats on their next play from scrimmage when Harold Thomas fumbled at Southwestern's own 23-yard line. ACU scored three plays later when Chris Morris caught a 17-yard pass from quarterback Billy Malone to make the score 17-0 with 1:32 to play.



SWOSU running back Harold Thomas looks for room in the Bulldogs game against Abilene Christian. SWOSU lost 31-0 to the Wildcats thanks in part to a pair of costly fumbles and a blocked punt. (Photo by Bryan Schmidt/ACU)

Southwestern, which was held to just 196 yards of total offense, did move the ball late in the fourth quarter when they advanced to the ACU 35-yard line. However, the drive was quickly ended when Corey Jordan stepped in from of an errant pass by Bulldog quarterback Jimmy Sangster and returned it 76 yards for a touchdown. The point after was good and ACU had its final score to make it 31-0 with 6:39 to play.

Southwestern's best chance of scoring came early when linebacker Ruzell McCoy intercepted a pass and returned it to the ACU 29 giving the Bulldogs new life in a scoreless ball game in the first quarter. Southwestern picked up a first down and moved to the Wildcat's seven-yard line before Steve Ihekona ended the scoring threat by fumbling the ball back to the Wildcats' Jody Walker.

Defensively, the Bulldogs

did a good job limiting the Wildcats to just 275 yards of total offense. ACU scored 51 points in its last game against defending LSC North champion Southeastern Oklahoma State. Linebacker Jon Patterson had seven tackles to lead Southwestern while McCoy and Jaquane Williams each added six.

Southwestern's next game will be at home against Tarleton State on Saturday, Sept. 30. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. at Milam Stadium.

by the numbers

	SWOSU	ACU
FIRST DOWNS	13	15
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	37-100	27-82
PASSING YDS (NET)	96	193
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-12-1	32-19-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	63-196	59-275
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-8	5-45
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-67	1-20
Interception Returns-Yards	1-13	1-76
Punts (Number-Avg)	8-25.9	5-38.6
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-34	6-55
Possession Time	31:57	28:03
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 17	5 of 12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Score-Chances	0-1	4-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-22	0-0

RUSHING: Southwestern Okla.-Reshard Dudley 18-29; Steve Ihekona 6-26; Patrick Weaver 4-21; Harold Thomas 4-10; Beau Dodson 1-9; Jimmy Sangster 3-3; Tyson Bryant 1-2.

PASSING: Southwestern Okla.-Jimmy Sangster 12-26-1-96.

RECEIVING: Southwestern Okla.-John Haggerty 4-27; Derek Wall 3-30; Michael Cooper 1-17; Steve Ihekona 1-10; Kyle Krisek 1-7; Nate Aschenbren 1-4; Tyson Bryant 1-1. Abilene Christian-Jerale Badon 6-46; Jon. Ferguson 4-36; Chris Morris 2-37; Chancy Campbell 2-25; Chris Conklin 2-23; Turtle Conner 1-16; John Brock 1-7; Taber Minner 1-3.

INTERCEPTIONS: Southwestern Okla.-Ruzell McCoy 1-13.

SACKS (UA-A): Southwestern Okla.-Ruzell McCoy 1-0; JaQuane William 1-0; Cory Summers 1-0. Abilene Christian-None.

TACKLES (UA-A): Southwestern Okla.-Jon Patterson 5-2; Ruzell McCoy 5-1; JaQuane William 4-2; Greg Franklin 2-3; Falante Hill 1-4; Desmond Baker 3-1; Jonathan Thomas 2-1; Chris Moore 2-0; Joe Castle 2-0; Perry Carr 2-0; Ryan O'Shields 1-1; Cory Summers 1-1; James Vei 1-1; Spenser Daniel 1-0; Ryan Jech 1-0; Charles Bolds 0-1; Matt Brown 0-1; Brandon Wicks 0-1; Eddie Walton 0-1; Matt Steward 0-1; Adam Hooton 0-1; Austin Wuthrich 0-1.

Volleyballers lose to unbeaten OC

EDMOND — Southwestern Oklahoma State stayed with unbeaten Oklahoma Christian for most of the game before yielding two late goals and losing 3-1 in women's soccer Thursday in Edmond.

Oklahoma Christian, owners of a 7-0 record, broke open a 1-1 tie in the 60th minute on a goal by Taryn Caylor and added another for insurance in the 84th minute by Jessica Ortman.

Southwestern, which fell to 3-5-1 with the loss, tied the game in the 55th minute on a goal by Carrie Dumbauld. The goal for Dumbauld was her team-leading sixth of the year.

Oklahoma Christian managed 16 shots against Southwestern defense, 11 of which were on goal. The Bulldogs had 12 shots, six of which were on goal.

Southwestern will next play at home Friday, Sept. 29 against Colorado State-Pueblo. Start time is set for 5 p.m.

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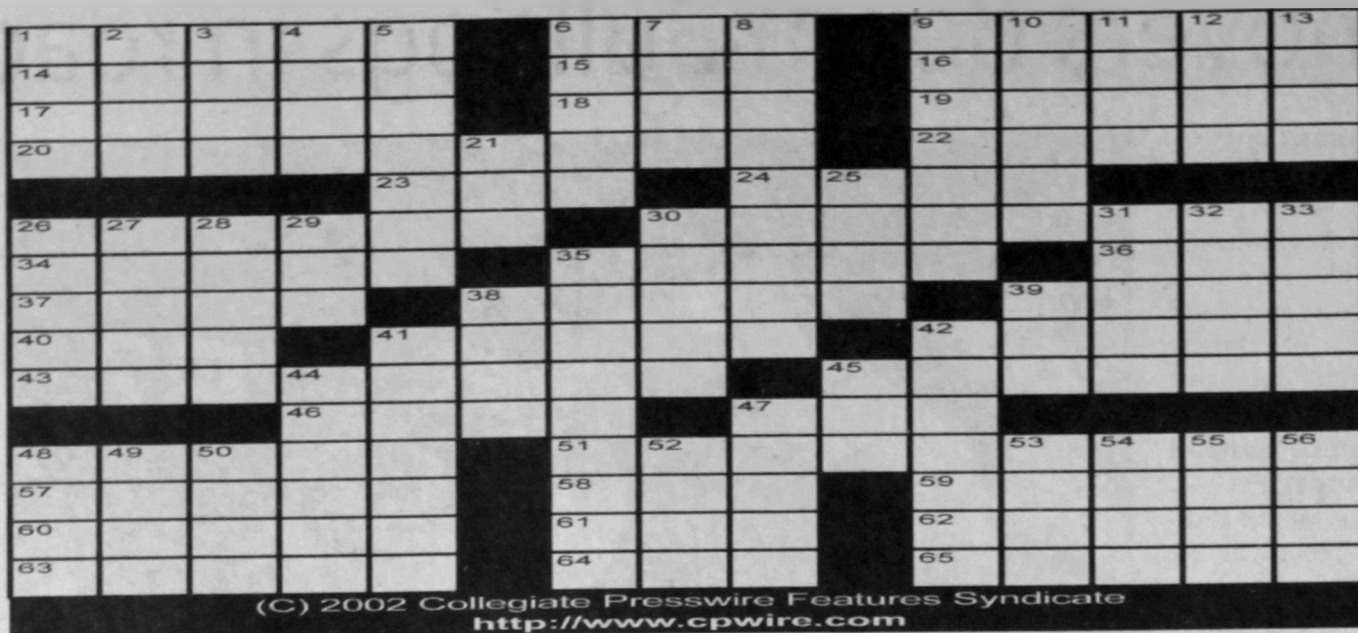
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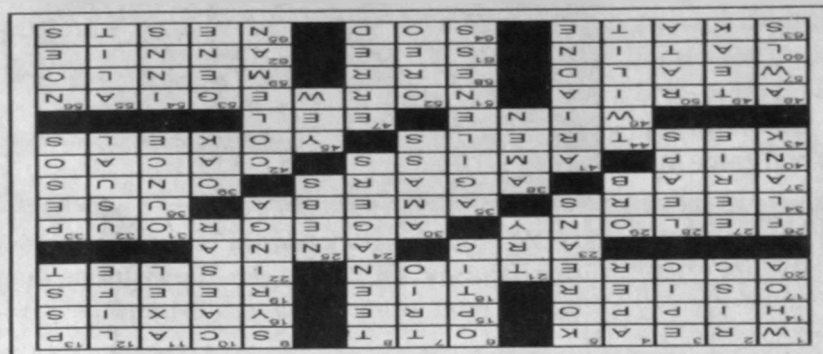
- 1. Inflict
- 6. Ottawa, for short
- 9. Indian torture
- 14. Hungry, hungry
- 15. Before
- 16. Rise
- 17. Willow
- 18. Bow or score
- 19. Flip flops
- 20. Natural growth
- 22. Small island
- 23. Circle segment
- 24. Kournikova
- 26. Grave crime
- 30. Peer
- 34. Malicious look
- 35. One-celled protozoa
- 36. Exploit
- 37. From Arabia
- 38. Pilot sim.
- 39. Stigma
- 40. Bite
- 41. Not right
- 42. Chocolate source
- 43. Small falcon
- 45. Bumpkins
- 46. Vino
- 47. Unagi
- 48. Skylit rooms
- 51. Beatles' "wood"
- 57. Woodland
- 58. Sin
- 59. Atherton college
- 60. Dead language
- 61. Over follower
- 62. Daddy Warbucks' girl
- 63. Ice or board
- 64. Grass implant
- 65. Bird homes

DOWN

- 1. Horse command
- 2. Computer architecture
- 3. Record company
- 4. Copycat
- 5. Seoul inhabitants
- 6. Eye
- 7. Three
- 8. Adolescents
- 9. Mock orange
- 10. Salad or Roman
- 11. Lipinski jump



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- 12. Guard prefix
- 13. Attention getter
- 21. Do to a case
- 25. Beaks
- 26. Side
- 27. Creepy
- 28. Dancer jumps
- 29. Sphere
- 30. Accumulate
- 31. Prevention measure
- 32. Typical
- 33. Spanish currency
- 35. Nimbleness
- 38. Prayer's end
- 39. Hard wood
- 41. Theseus thread-giver
- 42. "What you takin' about, Willis?" actor
- 44. Dusky
- 45. Evergreen
- 47. Did #58 Across
- 48. Hole-makers
- 49. Tall evergreen
- 50. New Zealand tree
- 52. Sandwich cookie

- 53. Heredity unit
- 54. Hotels
- 55. Dismount
- 56. Denials

Sudoku

Sudoku: Number puzzle in which numbers must be fit into a 9x9 grid such that each numeral appears exactly once in each row, column and each of nine 3x3 blocks

Answer

5	4	3	2	7	6	9	8	1
8	1	9	4	6	5	2	7	3
6	7	2	8	3	1	4	5	9
7	6	5	1	9	4	8	3	2
9	8	4	5	2	3	7	1	6
2	3	1	7	8	6	5	9	4
1	9	8	6	5	2	3	4	7
4	2	7	3	1	8	9	6	5
3	5	6	9	4	7	1	2	8

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